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BLECHERT, SIEGFRIED et al., : DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 10/628,707

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This is a decision on the Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (CFR 1.181), received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on April 17, 2008.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision, or as explained below, filing a petition seeking revival under 37 CFR § 1.137, must be filed within TWO MONTHS (2) from the mail date of this decision.

The application was held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee as required in the Notice Of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed October 9, 2007, which set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 2, 2008.

The Office acknowledges the timely receipt of Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal (Transmittal) on December 19, 2007, as evidenced by the "Office Date" stamp thereon. However, without the inclusion of the Deposit Account Number on the form there was no authorization to charge the required fees.

As an additional aid to applicants, the rule as proposed has been amended to include §§ 1.311(b)(1) and (b)(2) that can act as safety mechanisms. Where it is clear that an applicant actually intends to pay the issue fee and publication fee (if required) such as by submitting an incorrect issue fee or publication fee, or a fee transmittal form (or letter) for payment of the fees, a request to charge the correct issue fee or any publication fee due to any deposit account identified in a previously filed authorization to charge such fees, will be allowed to act a payment of the correct issue fee.

Petitioner should review the amended rules pertaining to general authorization to pay fees. See 65 FR 54647 September 8, 2000, revised 69 FR 56481 September 21, 2004, effective September 21, 2004.

Unfortunately, the application file does not reveal a previously filed authorization to charge **such** fee(s) or specifically the issue fee.

In light of the non-compliance with 37CFR 1.25, the holding of abandonment cannot be withdrawn. Applicant may seek relief by filing a petition for Revival of Abandoned Application under CFR § 1.137 (a) or (b). (Forms are available at USPTO website http://www.uspto.gov)

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition for the revival of an *unavoidable* abandoned application Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition for the revival of an *unintentionally* abandoned application

Further correspondence with respect to filing the petition under 37 CFR 1.137 should be directed to the Office of Petitions at 571-272-3282 or addressed as follows:

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